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The thirtieth anniversary of Grace church on Pentecost, May 11, also the twenty-fifth anniversary of the present pastorate. This will also be mother's day. Let us make it a great day.

Communion service, reception of members and baptism of children on anniversary day, May 11.

The history of the Woman's Missionary society of the Ohio synod, written by Mrs. Zartman, is now in print. Copies can be secured from the local Missionary society.

Dr. Bertha Goba and her sister, Miss Rose, will entertain the Young People's society May 6. There should be a full attendance of the young people at this meeting.

Do not forget to wear a white carnation on Mother's day, May 11.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph classis will be held in the Grace Reformed church at Culver, Ind., May 20. The Classical Sunday school convention will be held at the same place, May 19 and 20. Classical Missionary society will also hold its annual meeting at Culver, May 20 and 21. W. F. Close and F. E. More are the delegate elders to the annual meeting of classis. Mrs. C. F. Close, Miss Anna Doermer and Mrs. Leikauf and Mrs. Zartman are delegates to the Missionary society.

And say to mothers what a holy charge
Is theirs; with what a Kingly power
their love

Might rule the fountains of the new-
born mind

Warn them to wake at early dawn and
sow

Good seed, before the world has sown
its tares. —Mrs. L. H. Sigourney.

SACRED PRESENCE.

(By Mrs. Allan K. Zartman.)

My Jesus I long for a glimpse of thy
face,

That face so wondrous fair.

Oh! Love-light of heaven, shine into my
heart,

And drive away despair.

CHORUS.

Oh! Sacred Presence, Love Divine,

Oh! Friend so tender true,

By day and night, my soul's delight,

My Jesus, my blessed Jesus.

I want to be calm and resigned to thy
will,

Whate'er that will may be,

When shadows and darkness my path-
way obscure.

I want to trust in Thee.

My heart would grow faint if it were
not for Thee.

Thy voice the storms control,

I'm trusting in Jesus, what harm can
befall,

His presence now calms my soul.

Jesus touch my life with power divine,
That I may faithful be;

In gathering Gems for that beautiful
crown,

In heaven awaiting me.

We shall be glad to have any one,
who will, furnish white carnations in
memory of mother for the pulpit on
Mother's day, May 11.

My mother, at that holy name
Within my bosom there's a gush
Of feeling which no time can tame,
A feeling which for years of fame,
I would not, could not face.

—Geo. D. Morris.

Parents who hope to see their children active in the church when they grow up into manhood and womanhood must see to it that they are schooled in the habit of regular attendance upon divine service. Many parents are making a fatal mistake in giving their children the liberty to select for themselves whether or not they will attend the church service. The good old custom of having the children in the family pew with father and mother at the regular service has gone out of date with many families. The children are sent to the Sabbath school and when that is over they are at liberty to spend the Sabbath as they may choose. It is quite possible for every child to be in both services on Sabbath morning and unless the children form the habit of being in the church services in early childhood it is quite likely that they will not have much interest in the church later in life. The plea is made by some parents that it is too much of a strain on the children to have them remain for the church services. How does it happen that children can be in the public schools five days in the week and for six hours each day, while on the Sabbath it is considered too much of a task for them, to be in the house of God for two hours and a half. The Sunday school hour and the church service should be a delight to our children and not a strenuous and exhausting task. The matter of the fact is that what has come to be true of many adults is true of the children. The Sabbath is a holiday and not a holy day, a day of recreation and worldly diversion, and not a day of worship and of service unto the Lord. If religion and the service of the church do not count for any, then it does not matter very much where the children or parents spend the Lord's day; but if the Sabbath is the Lord's day, and if God's command that the day should be kept holy and if our religion is the religion of Jesus Christ, and is of any significance to man, then it is all important

that our children should be brought up to fear and reverence God, and honor the service of his house. We are glad to see that some of the parents in Grace church have their children with them at the hour of worship. When parents are careless and indifferent about their attendance at the public service on the Sabbath, then we cannot hope to see their children at the service. They may come to the Sunday school but they will soon be going in the way of father and mother. There are exceptions we know and we are glad that some children are brought to the Lord through the agency of the Sunday school and become earnest servants of the Lord Jesus. But every parent owes it to his child as a sacred obligation, to bring it up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The church is the Lord's life-saving station for immortal souls. The parent needs the church and so do our children. Bring your children to the Sunday school take them with you into the church service, teach them to remember the Sabbath and to keep it holy, and to reverence the sanctuary of the Lord, and the Lord will keep his covenant and promise with you, and your children will grow up in the church and will be pillars of strength in the house of God. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6.

A mother's love, how sweet the name;
 What is a mother's love?
 A noble, pure and tender flame,
 Enkindled from above
 To bless a heart of earthly mould;
 The warmest love that can grow cold
 This is mother's love.

—James Montgomery.

Miss Rose Goba has about fully recovered from her protracted illness. We are glad to see her out to the services.

Mrs. Ida M. Deadrick died at Miamia, Fla., April 10, after an illness of several years. Early in the winter she and her two daughters, went south with the hope that she might regain her health, but providence directed differently. She was born in Elkhart county, Indiana, Dec. 20, 1871. She was aged 41 years, 4 months and 20 days. Her maiden name was Coyle. She spent her childhood in Steuben county, Indiana. She united with the Reformed church at Hudson, Ind., when she was a young girl. She was married to Mr. Morice Deadrick, Dec. 27, 1892. She was the mother of two daughters and one son. She was an excellent woman and an affectionate mother. The remains were brought back to the city for burial. The funeral service was held from the home on Greely street, Tuesday afternoon, April 15. The husband and children, father and two sisters survive her.

Monday morning, April 7, Mr. Reuben Mullen, of Montpelier, Ohio, engineer on the Wabash was killed at Wolcottville, Ind. He was on a passenger run and his engine struck a portion of track that gave way and the engine reeled over and caught Mr. Mullen under its heavy weight and killed him instantly. The heavy rains had undermined the track and made it unsafe, causing the accident. Mr. Mullen was the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. David Walters and brother of Mr. Daniel Mullen. He was a resident of Fort Wayne for a number of years and will be remembered by many of our people. He was married to Miss Katie Walters, May 3, 1892. For a number of years the family resided at Ashley, Ind., but for the past four or five years they have lived at Monpelier, Ohio. Mr. Mullen was one of the most trusty engineers on the Wabash. He was an excellent man, a good husband and father, kind and liberal hearted. He leaves to mourn his death his wife and seven children. The funeral services

were held on Saturday, April 12 at the place of residence. The family and friends have our sympathy and prayers.

Mrs. Gümpper will entertain the Woman's Missionary society at her home on West Wayne street, Thursday afternoon, May 15.

The young people are rehearsing for an entertainment which they will give in the lecture rooms of the church the latter part of May. The cantatta which they will render is entitled "Fifteen Miles to Happy Town."

Mother's day, May 11, we are arranging for a special service in the evening in honor of motherhood. Mrs. O. N. Guldlin has consented to speak for us at this service. The mere announcement that Mrs. Guldlin will speak should be sufficient to bring out a large and appreciative audience. We are going to have special music by the choir and will sing some of mother's hymns at this service. Come and bring your friends who are not in the habit of attending church. You may prevail upon them to come to this service in honor and memory of mother.

Sabbath evening, April 20, the Woman's Missionary society held a thank-offering service. Rev. T. P. Pots delivered the address. The attendance was good and the address was enjoyed by every one present. The offering amounted to \$23.13. We believe it would be a profitable thing for the church, if the Missionary society would arrange to hold open meetings at least once every three months.

At the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary society held at the home of Mrs. Bitner, Thursday afternoon, April 18, the following women were elected to office for the year: President, Mrs. A. K. Zartman; vice-president, Miss Anna Doermer; secretary, Mrs. C. H. Gümpper; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Straub. Mrs. Bitner entertained the society very pleasant and served a very nice luncheon at the close of the meeting.

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Mr. Oscar Snook spent a few days at Hot Springs, Ark., with Mr. and Mrs. More.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shiffer expect to occupy their new home at 2003 Crescent avenue in a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schaich will return to Fort Wayne very shortly. They have had a delightful time on the Pacific coast. They have been gone since early last autumn.

Mrs. Nellie Hildebrand has been at the Hope hospital, since the last issue of the Visitor, for an operation. She got along splendidly and has about fully regained her usual good health.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. More have been at Hot Springs, Ark., for the past month. Mr. More writes that he is feeling very much better. They are expected home by the first week in May.

Mrs. Jennie Wickliff has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., for her health. She took cold during the time of the high waters and is suffering from rheumatism. She will be gone for a month or longer.

The pastor received a letter from Rev. N. B. Matters, pastor of the Trinity Reformed church, Dayton, Ohio, since the flood. The loss sustained to his church by the water is estimated at about \$8,000. The pastor and family were not in the high water district.

Mr. George Hale, of Detroit, Mich., the son of Rev. W. A. Hale, of Dayton, Ohio, was a recent visitor at the parsonage. He was at Dayton during the high water. His father and mother were in the flooded district and lost most of their household goods, including the Dr.'s valuable library. The First Reformed church had ten feet of water in the Sunday school rooms.

The pastor recently called to see Mrs. Rachel Wells, residing on Grant street. We found her in her usual state of health and quite contented and happy. She is the oldest member in Grace church. She will celebrate her 87th birthday Sept. 10. She would like to get out to the services but is too feeble to come the long distance from her home to the church. We hope to make some arrangements by which all of the aged members can be at the services on anniversary day, May 11.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson has come through the winter and spring amazingly well. She is running a close race with Mrs. Wells. She and Maggie are very happy together in their cozy little cottage on Liberty street. She wishes very much that she was living within a few doors of Grace church. We are sure there would be very few services, when she would not be present. She never was a "oncer" when she was able to get out, she always attended the morning and evening services, and even never missed a prayer meeting. If you want to spend an afternoon pleasantly go out to the little home on Liberty street. While out in that portion of the city take time to stop with Mr. and Mrs. Garin. They will have a very cordial welcome for you and will be very happy to see you. They never miss a service when it is at all possible for them to get out, in fact they scarcely ever are away from the Sabbath morning service.

Our people who were in the flooded districts of the city are getting their homes pretty well in order again. So far there has been no epidemic of sickness, which is a very fortunate thing. The high winds and sunshine we had for several weeks were a great blessing to this section of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert are now very pleasantly located at 909 Madison street. We are glad to get them some closer to the church.

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The inspiration of our Sunday school class is a woman—a little woman—the mother of seven children. And she brings them all to Sunday-school every Sunday.

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Sunday morning they are all up bright and early as if on picnic bent. A boiler of water is heating while they eat breakfast. The meal over and the house straightened, the mother begins her service of cleanliness. The oldest child is a girl of eleven and she is a great deal of help.

First, next to the oldest child is made ready, then the one next to the baby. So soon as these are dressed they are started hand-in-hand on their way, for it is nearly a mile to the church and the little ones must stop to rest once or twice on the way. Then too that prevents this pair from getting restless and in the way and their clothes rumpled or soiled while waiting for the rest.

The three middle children are next in line, two fine little boys and a light-haired girl.

All the while the oldest has helped her mother put the dirty clothes away. And after the five are started, the mother dresses herself and the baby and is ready by the time the oldest is spick and span.

Sometimes they all get to church together, and it is a sight worth seeing—that pale little mother with a radiant face bringing in her seven jewels.

This she does and all her regular housework without a bit of outside help. They all have their lessons, too, and the mother is the inspiration of our class,

by her quick mind and well prepared lesson—as well as by her example.

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4. "The Ideal Christian." V. His Prayers. Matt. 6:5-13. (Consecration meeting.) Hazel Gooley, leader.
11. "Love Not the World." 1 John 2:15-25. Ruth Seibold, leader.
18. "The Stature of Christ." Growing Up Into It. Eph. 4:11-16, Elisa Weikart, leader.
25. Mission Work, at Home and Abroad V. Industrial Missions. Acts 18:1-6. Mrs. A. K. Zartman, leader.

JUNE.

1. "The Ideal Christian." VI. His Bible Study. Deut. 6:1-9. (Consecration meeting. Arthur Weiler, leader.

Mrs. Harry Baum on South Hanna street, who has been an invalid for many years, has been very poorly within the past several weeks. She has been greatly afflicted and deserves the sympathy and prayers of the whole church.

A wondrous power; how little understood;

Entrusted to the mother's mind alone,
To fashion, genius from the Lord for good.

—Mrs. Sarah J. Hale.

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.—John Gray.

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